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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This paper is filed concurrently with the application papers requesting the filing of a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) based on the co-pending, parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/353,407, filed July 15, 1999, currently on appeal.

A Petition for a two-month extension in the time to submit a Brief On Appeal in U.S. Serial No. 09/353,407 is being filed concurrently along with the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), extending the pendency of the parent application and making the new deadline for filing an Appellants' Brief April 20, 2001.

Please enter the following amendments prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination on the merits of this continuation application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 1, line 14 of the specification (after the title of the invention and before the "FIELD OF THE INVENTION"), please insert the following new section title and sentence: